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U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

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6,316,378	11/13/01	Giebelhausen et al.
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For an English-language equivalent for this German reference, please refer to U.S. Patent No. 6,316,378.

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